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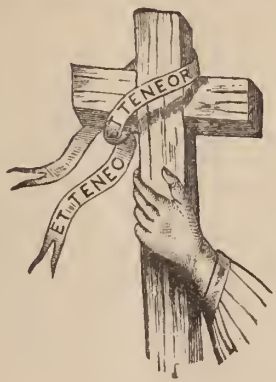

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Abroad.

SIAM.

When, at his coronation in 1868, the young King of Siam bade his courtiers rise from their crouching attitude and stand like men before him, Siam entered a new era. This first act of the King's reign not only gives us the key to his character and policy, but it marked the culmination of the liberal ideas of the old King which had led him to open his ports to Western commerce and civilization. This breath of the bracing air of the West had reached the young man at a most impressible age, and had infused him with an energy unlooked for in the East. The reforms which had been begun when he ascended the throne, he has carried on with vigor ever since. "Bold innovations have been made by him in many time-honored observances and institutions of the land," we are told by one who has lived under his rule.

Year by year has progress been apparent there, sometimes decided, sometimes almost imperceptible, but in no former year has Siam taken such a long step forward as during the one just closed.

Two events mark it as a golden year in the history of that country: one, the founding of a Royal College at Bangkok, with Rev. S. G. McFarland, D.D., one of the missionaries of our own Board of Foreign Missions, at its head; the other, the proclamation of religious liberty to the Laos. When we remember that Siam is governed according to the whims and caprices of its own despotic sovereigns, and that the present King, with all his liberal views, still upholds the state worship of Buddha, we may conceive something of the significance of these two facts. God has been wonderfully preparing the people of Siam for His message, and is blessing His servants in proclaiming it to them. We are beginning to see some of the results of the long years of patient work and earnest prayer which were spent by the earlier missionaries in that country.

THE ROYAL COLLEGE.

Miss Caldwell writes: "Dr. McFarland opened the King's college on the 2d of January. One hundred and thirty boys presented themselves for admission, but only fifty can be accommodated. Arrangements are being made to take the waiting eighty. Isn't that glorious!" Miss Grimstead, formerly at Bangkok, writes: "When the college is in working order, it seems to me that it must have its influence on the masses, and that they will, in spite of themselves, be raised from their present state of ignorance and degradation."

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY FOR THE LAOS.

The Laos of northern Siam are governed immediately by a viceroy, and are so far removed from Bangkok, the capital, as to be almost entirely in the power of this man. He and most of his counsellors, unlike the King, have manifested a decided hostility to the missionaries and the Christian religion; consequently the native Christians have undergone many and severe persecutions from the beginning of our work there. These persecutions still continuing during last summer, Rev. Mr. McGilvary and Dr. Cheek appealed to the King for protection. As a result, "Phya-Tape-Phra-Chune, the royal representative of his majesty, the supreme King of Siam, at Chieng-Mai, and also for the Laos states and cities of Lakaun and Lampoon," proclaimed throughout his territory the

decision of the King, "that as religious and civil duties do not conflict, any religion that is seen to be true may be embraced by any person without restraint; and that the responsibility of a correct or a wrong decision rests with the individual making it; that there is nothing in the foreign treaty, nor in the laws and customs of Siam, to throw any restriction on the religious worship of any. To be more specific: If any person or persons wish to embrace the Christian religion, they are freely allowed to follow their own choice, and the proclamation is designed, from this time forth, to remove any fear that may have existed to the contrary."

This proclamation is dated "on the 11th of the 12th Waxing Moon, year of the Tiger, and the 11th of his majesty's reign" (October 8, 1878). Mr. McGilvary writes in the *Foreign Missionary:* "Surely we should be blind not to see God's providential working for this mission, which probably never has more conspicuously been manifested than in the last year. Friends have been ready just at the right time. We admire the firmness and friendship of the Siamese judge more and more. He is really an enlightened friend of the mission. The decisive action of the consul, Mr. Sickels, and the young King of Siam, are worthy of all praise."

The full meaning of this permission we cannot realize. Our missionaries may now preach the Word under the protection of the government, and the natives who believe in the Crucified One may openly profess His name. And let us not forget that our Board of Foreign Missions is the only Christian organization which is laboring for this people. Upon the Presbyterian Church in America rests the responsibility of the work, and the share of that responsibility which falls upon the shoulders of us, women of the Church, is no light burden. Let us not shrink from it, but let us labor more, and pray more, and give more for Siam than we have ever done before. Truly this field is white to the harvest, and the laborers are *very* few.

THE WORKERS.

At Bangkok are Rev. Messrs. J. W. Van Dyke, J. M. McCauley, and J. N. Culbertson, with Mrs. Van Dyke and Miss

Caldwell, who are under the care of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and Mrs. McCauley, formerly Miss Kooser.

Rev. N. A. McDonald and wife were returning to Siam, from last accounts, after a needed respite from their work. Miss Caldwell went out last fall under the special care of the Washington (Pa.) Presbyterial Society, and has charge of the school which Miss Grimstead taught while she was there, and of which she writes: "The school numbers eighteen girls, all boarders, and all but four of them have been brought into the school during the last thirteen months, notwithstanding the frequent changes made in those having charge. This fact I think goes to prove that the Siamese are growing more favorable toward female education."

Miss Caldwell writes of the interest which Mrs. Van Dyke and herself are taking in the natives who live near them, and with whom they meet and converse. Miss C. can do but little as yet except to pray and sing. As their new chapel was nearing completion, they expected to open a Sabbath-school in it, hoping to gather many in from outside. Mr. and Mrs. Van Dyke, with native assistants, were to teach in Siamese, and Miss Caldwell was to teach the English classes and play the organ.

At Petchaburi, one hundred and fifty miles southwest of Bangkok, are Rev. E. P. Dunlap and wife, Miss Cort, and Miss Coffman. Miss Cort writes:

"This station reports eleven schools or departments, and two hundred and forty-three pupils. There were nine converts added to the church during last year. Five of the new converts are from the schools. Our Sabbath-schools are flourishing, and the 'Petchaburi Home' is now ready for occupation. God has indeed been good to us and blessed us wonderfully. He has called to another and wider field Dr. McFarland and his family, who go to the Royal College at Bangkok The Dunlaps take the vacant place, and with hope and courage we look forth to the future. Let us not fail of your earnest prayers, that we may have the presence of God and His loving benediction. We dare not ask you to pray that God would increase our opportunities, they have grown already beyond our power to do. Hands and hearts are full,

and the great burden of our prayer is that God will bless the home churches with a missionary revival, whose irresistible power will compel them to send out laborers by the score to all the foreign fields now waiting to be reaped. The harvest has overtaken us, but who will gather it into the Lord's garner?

"Oh that my pen were dipped in fire, and that its words would sink into your hearts, making them glow with such intensity of desire for missionary work that it could not be satisfied until your feet trod the shores of these lands waiting to be saved from the dominion of Satan! May this be a message of God to your souls! Do not put it away. Think over it, pray over it, and may Christ, who died for you, help you to do what is right!"

The mission force at Chieng-Mai, among the Laos people, consists of Rev. J. Wilson, Rev. D. McGilvary, Dr. Cheek, with Mrs. McGilvary (who represents our Society there), Mrs. Cheek, and Misses Campbell and Cole. The last two ladies have just gone out, one under the care of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Northwest, and the other of the Woman's Board of the Southwest. Mrs. Wilson is still detained at home on account of impaired health.

FROM BANGKOK TO CHIENG-MAI.

Although Chieng-Mai is only five hundred miles north of Bangkok, it is practically isolated, from the fact of the great difficulty in reaching it. Mrs. Wilson, who has lived and labored among the Laos, thus writes of travel between the two places: "The journey from Bangkok to Chieng-Mai is made in boats up the river Meinam. When the river has a good stage of water, the trip from Chieng-Mai to Bangkok can be made in ten days, but the passage up in never less than two months, so there is truth in the playful remark of one of the missionaries, that 'Chieng-Mai is nearer to Bangkok than Bangkok is to Chieng-Mai.' Friends in Bangkok think of these missionaries among the Laos as very far away.

"Since the journey is so long, preparations for housekeeping on the boats are necessary. Bedding must be provided and a cook must be secured in Bangkok. There are separate boats for the families, but all eat together. Oh, how delightful is the passage of the rapids in the cool season! The scenery is wild and grand. The transportation of heavy articles is difficult, and it is only at certain seasons of the year that boats can be sent up that peculiar

river. It is peculiar because of its sandy bed, which is in a constant state of change. Some of the missionaries once went down to Bangkok in the dry season, before the rains had begun. The boat had to be hauled along in many places by the men. Often when the men would be sitting rowing along nicely, the boat would run into a sand-drift and all the men would be out in the river in an instant, struggling to get the boat off again, while we would be out looking for a channel. In the rainy season the river is more navigable, especially making less difficult the carrying of heavy goods. The forty-two rapids have to be ascended, which is a 'fixed fact' at all seasons of the year

"Missionaries have been dependent upon traders, in native boats, to take up the stores, which were often longer in going from Bangkok to Chieng-Mai than from New York to Bangkok. They have sometimes had to wait months for opportunities from Bangkok to Chieng-Mai, sometimes not getting a mail for seven months. Flour is sent from New York in tin cans, one and sometimes two barrels at a time. On its arrival, its receipt is acknowledged and more ordered; so long does it take supplies to reach this isolated station.

"When new missionaries arrive at Bangkok for Chieng-Mai, boats are provided and sent down by the missionaries of that place, as many as are required; then they avail themselves of the opportunity for sending for anything which may be needed to be brought up in the boats. On account of the great expense these boats are not sent except for bringing up missionaries. It is desirable to have all heavy articles ready to go in the same boats."

LETTER FROM MISS CALDWELL.

BANGKOK, SIAM, January 13, 1879.

When one has been hastily summoned from the quiet of home life, and, on four months' notice, ordered to the front ranks of battle—when the question of, not what will be most fashionable, but what will be most comfortable and easily carried, has been met and solved; when hasty journeys have been made; when farewells have been spoken or written joyfully for Christ's sake; when one has been thoroughly settled, or rather unsettled, by more than a month's acquaintance with old ocean,—when all this and more has been gone through within less than four months, how restful is home, even though it be under tropical skies, and surrounded by filthy heathen houses! (to call them homes would indeed be a misnomer). And so it is with a very thankful, joyful heart, dear friends, that I write you this, my first letter. Joyful, that I have been counted worthy to battle for our exalted Captain, and thankful, for this precious work that is given me of Him. Oh, to be

emptied of self and filled with the spirit of Him who hath said, "Go!" and "Lo, *I* am with you alway!" Of course, I have not much of interest to tell you, as yet. Hands and heart are filled with new duties, and my eighteen girls and I are fast learning to love each other. The study of English in the school helps me much; but I hope soon to speak to this people in their native language. I am fast realizing that in this upper compound we are battling against one of Satan's strongholds; to the pulling down of it we have one constant need—*earnest, believing, importunate prayer.* Let it not be that "we ask, and receive not, because we ask amiss!"

MISSIONS IN INDIA.

IV.—FOREIGN ASIATIC LANGUAGES USED IN INDIA.

THE advent of the Moslem armies from Central Asia into India was chiefly due to a desire to secure the treasure of the wealthy Hindu Rájás. Accordingly the first invasions of the Patháns of Ghazni were scarcely worthy of the name; they were rather predatory excursions. Successful robbery of the gold, silver, and precious stones of the infidel Hindu, inspired by the always co-ordinate zeal of the Moslem robber for the spread of the faith of Islám, soon led to the design of acquiring the territory of and the establishment of a Mohammedan empire in India. The result was the Pathán and Mogul empires of India.

The Mohammedans brought with them the Arabic and Persian languages. The former was the language of religion, the latter the language of the state. But neither ever became the language of the Mohammedan people of India. The language which grew up as the representative of Mohammedanism among the people, as we have already said, was the Urdu or Hindustani language.

I call attention to this fact particularly because the idea has somehow or other become popular that the Arabic is generally, or at least extensively, used all over India. I have myself seen articles in print, and heard eloquent statements in public lectures, showing how wide is the influence of the Arabic Bible in India, in China, and distant parts of Africa. These statements imply that the Arabic language is well understood by large numbers of people, especially those of the better classes, in these Mohammedan countries. Every Moslem is expected to read the Koran in the Arabic language, and the conclusion is drawn that he understands what he is reading in that language.

Now, I am unable to say anything with regard to the knowledge of Arabic prevalent in China and Africa, but for India I can confidently assert that not one Moslem in ten thousand understands

the Arabic sufficiently well to understand the *meaning* of the Arabic Bible. Tens of thousands of them can read the *text*, but that is nearly all they know. The *merit* of reading the Koran does not depend on their understanding what is read, but simply on the reading of the text. The idea, therefore, that the Arabic translation of the Bible exerts any considerable influence among Mohammedans in India is altogether a mistaken one. The use of the language is almost entirely in connection with the public and private devotions of the people, *i. e.*, the reading of the text of the Koran, and of prayers repeated from memory in the same language. A few learned *Maulvies* have a tolerable knowledge of the language, and a few more understand the meaning of portions of the Koran, but the mass of the people and the great majority of their priests are ignorant of the language, excepting the mere ability to read the text of the Koran. The influence of this language does not, therefore, extend beyond the lines of Mohammedanism itself.

The knowledge of the Persian language is more general, being largely wrought into the vernacular Urdu. Besides, until the conquest of India by the English, the Persian was the state or court language of the emperors. It is still taught in all the government and mission schools in Northern India.

A wide-spread knowledge of Persian among the Hindus has exerted a powerful influence in the propagation of Islam among them. This is owing to the fact that not only the text books in school, but all works on science and literature, are prefaced with, if not permeated by, Moslem doctrine and the praises of Mohammed. The influence of a monotheism like Mohammedanism thus brought to bear on the minds of idolaters could not but make itself felt in numerous proselytes to the faith of Mohammed.

We shall endeavor to show in our next how a similar influence is being exerted in India in favor of Christianity through the English language. PADRI SAHIB.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD.

MISS M. NOYES, CANTON, CHINA.

"The work among the women in Canton and its surroundings is in a peculiarly forward state, and it seems to be largely the fruit of the labors of our Bible women. The difference between a place where this forms a strong arm in the service and where it does not is very striking indeed. If we had no 'canvassers' out, going their daily rounds, it would be more difficult to hold the work at its present standpoint.

"We have an unusually pleasant class of pupils in the boarding school this year; they are studious and anxious to do their very

best. The older ones have formed a daily prayer meeting among themselves, which meets every night after the lessons of the day are over, in the teachers' room. Any one mentions a passage of Scripture which she would like to have explained, or if any one of the number has been doing anything since the previous meeting which the others feel was not quite right, this is talked about. I asked one of them this morning if this was always taken kindly, and she said, 'Oh, yes; this is the way we help each other.' She told me that it was getting so near vacation they could not help thinking about going home, and they were urging each other to try to help their families to believe in the gospel. There are two in our first class whom we hope have put their trust in Jesus, but have not yet confessed Him. Three of that class are church members."

Mrs. Charles Leaman, Hangchow, China,

whom we have known as Miss Lucy A. Crouch, of Canton, and who was married in December last to Rev. Mr. Leaman of the Ningpo Mission, writes from her new home: "Our mission here is composed of the five stations of Shanghai, Ningpo, Soochow, Hangchow, and Nanking. These places cover an area of several hundred miles, and all the missionaries meet annually with their families in one of the stations, to discuss and adopt plans for mission work, and no regular work is undertaken without the approval of the whole mission. The meeting this year is in Ningpo in February.

"We came from Shanghai in Mr. Fitch's 'Gospel Boat,' the one which he uses for his preaching tours. It is much more comfortable than a native boat, having a nice little room where we can live. I was glad to arrive here on Christmas morning, and was welcomed by frost, ice, and snow, the first I had seen since I left the Rocky Mountains on my way out. We found Mr. and Mrs. Lyon and family all well, and glad to see us. They are the only members of our mission here. We are fourteen missionaries in all, and these, with their children, make up our entire foreign community. Of these, five missionaries are of our Presbyterian Church South, and five of the English Church Missionary Society. There are also one or two of the English Inland Mission here most of the time. We are without a physician, none being nearer than Shanghai, a distance of 180 miles. We have no steamers coming here; everything is brought by the slow native boat, which takes from four days to a week from Shanghai. . . . Our home is very comfortable. We are living in a house built by the Rev. Mr. Dodd of our mission, who is now at home. . . . The Chinese seem to have no idea of selecting good building locations, and then you can seldom, or never, get a good native house. I felt almost heartsick

when I saw where some of our first missionaries in Canton had to live; but now they have good homes in healthful locations, and the result is fewer graves in our cemetery, and fewer going home with broken-down health."

Mrs. Priest, Liberia, Africa.

"It is always cheering to receive letters from Christian friends at home We have much to discourage us in this land of darkness; we do not expect to realize much fruit of our labor, but we believe that much of the seed will spring up and bear fruit when we have passed away. We have been cheered to witness the conversion of three of my school girls during the past year; and a native boy who attends my school is very anxious to be a Christian.

"We were much pleased to hear of a colored missionary having arrived in Monrovia. I understand that he is stationed at Cape Mount, which is some distance north of us. In answer to your inquiry as to how our Liberian people look upon the new movement which seems to be going on from our Southern States to Africa, I reply that it is regarded with deep interest. These immigrants are poor and unprovided for, and they are generally uneducated. Then our government is poor, and not able to provide the necessary means for their education. This is the governmental side of the question. In religious matters quite a number will want to preach the gospel without understanding what is the gospel. We have not the money to establish theological schools for them, and they think that they are sufficiently qualified for Africa, while, in truth, Africa needs the best kind of preachers and teachers. The idea that they will do a great deal of good for Africa in their present state is not well-founded; they will do some good, but not much in this line.

"In a state light we shall have an increase of population. From this fact, with the little amount of good, they are made welcome, and all sides will do the best they can for these men and women of the exodus from the Southern States. These views are held by those who have lived long in Liberia. Some new comers have done well since coming to Liberia, and some have been disappointed and have left from time to time. But God intends that the negro race shall work out their destiny with the sympathy which they will get from the white race."

Mrs. Labaree, Oroomiah, Persia.

"Our first snow fell on the day after Christmas, since which we have had very cold weather. The winter work has been well begun in the villages, and has reached a class of the young men who have hitherto held themselves aloof from Christian influence; and there have been old people among them, some of the leading

men in Goolpashan. The people of this place are extensive owners of vineyards. Indeed the wealth of the village consists principally in land devoted to this use. Heavy and long-continued rains during the vintage season this year did immense damage through the whole country. Almost the whole crop of raisins was fit for nothing but to make into wine or *arrak*. With gratitude we can record that not one of the Christian brethren of this village yielded to the temptation of turning his ruined crops into liquor. There are those who then might have made hundreds of dollars by so doing, who cheerfully bore a total loss of their crop. God has blessed them with a revival of a temperance spirit, and with zeal and earnestness among the church members, and now with an outpouring of His Spirit may many be gathered in!"

Mrs. Shedd, Oroomiah, Persia.

"It seems to me that the work among the Mohammedans in Oroomiah is in a very interesting state. Everywhere in the villages and in the city people are ready to listen, and very many are reading the Bible and Christian books. Even the students in Gumek mosque, the principal one in the city, are searching the Scriptures. Two of these young men came to Mr. Shedd's study last Sabbath after the service, and talked on the sermon they had heard and the portion of Scripture which was read. On returning to the mosque they continued reading and talking until late at night. Full of these thoughts they fell asleep, and one dreamed that he saw a wonderful being who said to him, 'I am he of whom you have been reading. Read and obey, and you will find eternal life.' Awaking, he told his dream to his companions, and together they sought our Nestorian helper, and asked him what they should do to become Christians. Like all Orientals these people are much impressed by dreams. These young men have long been studying God's Word, and we ought to pray that they and all such should continue to read, and as they read, obey, and find life everlasting."

Poma Bai, the brilliant young Mahratta lady, whose profound knowledge of Sanscrit literature and facility in original composition have given her a recognized position among modern *pundits*, is now only twenty-two years old. At Calcutta she was welcomed by a party of Bengali and English ladies, to whom she exhibited her extraordinary power of improvisation in *stokas*, or verses composed in accordance with the elaborate rules of Sanscrit poetry. In a set speech, also in Sanscrit, she showed that neither seclusion of women nor early marriage existed in the early days of Hindoo history.—*New York Tribune.*

At Home.

THE HEALTH OF MY COUNTENANCE.

Ps. xlii. 11.

Our missionaries tell us that there are no handsome or pleasant faces among the old women of heathen lands. Sometimes the young women and girls have pleasing countenances, but as they grow older without anything to brighten their lives in this world, and with very little to hope for beyond the grave, their faces grow hard, and coarse, and sullen, often repulsive.

But when they become Christians, their *countenances* are Christianized. Hope lights up their dark, despairing faces—God, even our God, becomes in very truth the "health of their countenances." Even their heathen friends cannot fail to mark the change.

Women in Christian lands do not know what they owe to the Christian religion in the mere matter of personal appearance. Whether they recognize the fact or not, they are indebted to the refining, purifying influences of Christianity for their bright, attractive faces. There can be no more beautiful sight this side of heaven than the calm, trustful face of an aged Christian, whose soul, purified in the furnace, and almost ready to plume its flight homeward, looks through every feature and lineament of the face. As Michael Angelo, when looking upon a rough block of marble, saw the angel imprisoned there, though other eyes could not see it till he had plied his chisel long and patiently, so God finds it necessary to employ His tools upon His children, often for many years, before the angel within shines forth visible to every eye; and even then the work is incomplete. We have glimpses afforded us in the transformed faces of Moses and Stephen, and still more in the transfiguration of our Lord Himself, of what is yet to be done for the health of our countenances—for when we see Him we shall be like Him.

J. M. H.

"In heathen lands I have seen hospitals for diseased monkeys, I have seen hospitals for aged and decrepit cows, but very little attention is bestowed on suffering humanity."—*S. H. Kellogg, D.D.*

MARCHING ORDERS.—IV.

FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL.

"*Therefore* said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye *therefore* the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."—Luke x. 2.

LOOK at these two "therefores." The first gives the reason for one of our Master's sayings; the second for one of His commands.

I. The Lord Jesus sent out the seventy: not to go where they liked; not to take their chance of lighting on the right place or persons; not to begin His work where it might or might not be followed up. But He sent them before his face into every city and place *whither He Himself would come.* Unto Him should the gathering of the people be, and the coming presence of the Lord of the harvest proved that a harvest was waiting for the reapers. "*Therefore* said He unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." Is it not encouraging to think that He, in whose ways is continuance (Isa. lxiv. 5), works in the same way now, and sends us, whether at home or abroad, into the places whither He, Himself, is coming? Whether an American Sunday-school or an Indian city, if the Master Himself sends His servant or His handmaid into it, it is because He, Himself, will come thither, blessing His reapers and receiving His sheaves. What an honor to be one of the "few" forerunners of the King, the herald of a silent yet real and mighty advent of the very God of very God!

II. Because the harvest is great and the laborers few, the Lord Jesus said, "Pray ye *therefore* the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest." If the fact remains the command remains. And the fact does indeed remain. And we have no excuse in not knowing it. We, the readers of *Woman's Work*, know how great the harvest is, and we know how few the laborers are. We cannot say, "Behold, we knew it not." The need is recognized, and the Lord has put the supply within reach of the voice of prayer and the hand of faith. He has told us what to do, and so now the responsibility rests upon us.

Perhaps we read these pages and we sorrow a little for the burden of the King of princes, and wish the accounts were more glowing. But we do not turn the passing emotion into obedient and faithful and purposeful prayer, and so our sluggard soul desireth and hath nothing. "*He* shall not fail nor be discouraged;" but if we fail as His "helpers" in this easiest and most graciously appointed share of His glorious work, how shall we hope to share in our Master's harvest joy, and what claim shall we have to join in the great harvest hallelujah?

PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETIES.

PHILADELPHIA CENTRAL.

The First Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Philadelphia Central was held on Thursday, March 20th, in the Temple Church, Philadelphia. A large number of ladies were present, and much interest was manifested in the work. Societies had been organized during the year in Bethlehem Church, and in Mantua 2d, also a Young People's Branch in the North Broad St. Church. There are now twenty auxiliaries in the Presbytery, the reports of which were full of interest and encouragement. The treasurer reported $2210. Rev. D. Herron of India was present, and gave an account of the girls' school at Dehra.

WASHINGTON CITY.

On March 13th, a number of ladies met in the 1st Church, Washington, D. C., and formed a Presbyterial Society to embrace the churches in the Presbytery of Washington city. The meeting was marked by an earnestness of purpose which has been well sustained by the ladies in their present, and more difficult, work of establishing auxiliaries. The system with which they have begun gives every indication of unusual thoroughness and efficiency in their undertaking, and we wish them most cordially the greatest possible success.

CONDUCTING A PRAYER-MEETING.

Our missionary prayer-meetings are held monthly, and the average attendance is fifteen. The lady who conducts the service of to-day was appointed by the leader of the last meeting. A short hymn is sung, Scriptures read, and some one offers prayer. The minutes are then called for, and business is attended to if there be such. After further singing and prayer, missionary letters are read. I may here say that we are privileged in the support of a lady missionary. When the societies supporting her adopted her as their own missionary, the now sainted father promised them a share in the family letters. The promise has been fully kept, and a month seldom passes without one of these letters. In addition to these, selections from *Woman's Work*, the *Foreign Missionary*, or missionary items from the religious weeklies are read. Ladies who are unwilling to lead in prayer may yet feel that they are contributors to the meeting by reading such selections. Should they not have these papers, the president or pastor's wife may choose some article and hand it to them *before* the meeting with the request that they read it. In all these meetings devotional exercises have

a large place. Texts of Scripture are sometimes repeated and requests for prayer made. The Lord's prayer in concert closes this hour of blessing.

It seems quite commonplace, and yet it is the gate of Heaven to those who thus wait on the Lord. The prayer-meeting that is *not* interesting must be made up of those who are not "willing to blunder for Jesus." I would say for the encouragement of such that we were like unto you, and still differ only in that God has made *us* willing. The most eloquent prayers ever put up in our little meetings have been a few broken petitions. Jesus accepted the effort; new, sweet strength came from bearing the cross, and each heart overflowed with love and sympathy. Said a dear friend of another society a few days ago: "I never kneel to pray in our meeting that my brain does not seem in a whirl, and when I rise from my knees, I have no idea what I have said." Yet she never says "Excuse me." She feels that Christ asks it, and that her refusal, in the presence of others, would dishonor Him. I would add that no one is ever asked to pray in our meetings *for the first time*, unless she has privately expressed her willingness to do so, and that some have had their lips opened to pray by first leading the exercises. Satan knows what centres of power these quiet women's prayer-meetings are, and where he cannot prevent them, he disturbs the peace of the members. To one he whispers, "Your prayers cannot edify;" to another, "You will fail, better not attempt it;" while he makes some miserable by keeping them from the prayer-meeting altogether. Let me tell you, dear sister, if there are but two hearts aglow with love to Jesus and His promised inheritance, you can have an interesting prayer-meeting. Meet together; ask others to meet with you; pray, if it be but the Lord's prayer; use the gift that is in thee, and others will catch the fire, and you will soon tell us, from your own experience, how to make a prayer-meeting interesting. E. H. L.

A Woman's Foreign Missionary Convention will be held at Saratoga, N. Y., on May 22d, during the session of the General Assembly. It is expected that all the women's societies working under the Board of Foreign Missions will unite in this meeting, and we earnestly hope that all the members of our auxiliaries who have it in their power will endeavor to be present. We anticipate that it will be a gathering of unusual interest and importance. No special arrangements will be made for entertaining those from a distance, but board can be had at the same rate as for members of of the Assembly—one dollar a day.

A BELIEVING COMPANY.

Of the recent Missionary Conference in London the editor of *The Family Treasury*, of Scotland, says:—

"If ever there was a place in which *faith reigned*—a simple, sublime, unfaltering faith—it was that Mildmay Hall, London, in which men met for the single purpose of consulting together about the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom. As I sat day by day, a watchful spectator, and listened to what this missionary and the other had to tell of what God had done in China, and Japan, and the South Sea, and among the red Indians, and in Africa, I detected nowhere the faintest hint of a doubt as to whether or not Christianity is the true religion, or whether or not it is destined to cover the earth. To these men the whole thing was a tremendous reality. *They* had not been sitting in their studies brooding over speculative difficulties. They had seen the habitations of cruelty with their own eyes. They had themselves translated the whole Word into barbarous tongues, and could speak of the effects produced by its circulation. They had witnessed idolatry slowly disappearing before the Cross, and lands growing brighter and better and happier under the genial influences of the gospel. The questions of whether the world could be subjugated to Christ, or whether, if the conquest were achieved, it would be benefited, had long passed, for them, out of the region of discussion. They *knew* what the truth was, and what it could do, and it was cheering and stimulating even to listen to the quiet assumption, which ran through all their addresses, that of course they were on the winning side, and that by and by the kingdoms of this world would become the kingdom of Jesus Christ."

FROM HOME LETTERS.

Our banner auxiliary is that of the Spruce Creek Church, Pa. There are sixty members, divided for convenience into three bands, which meet monthly in different places on the same day, and *every* member attends the meetings. There are no collectors, but each brings her offering, and the annual amount is larger than from any other church in the Presbytery of Huntingdon. In the winter time they take a lunch with them and spend the morning together; in the warm weather they meet in the afternoon and return after a tea provided in the same way. These meetings are looked forward to with the greatest interest.

"On January 25, at ———, eight young girls met and formed themselves into a band, taking the name of The Golden Link. Since then they have received three additional members, all of whom

manifest zeal and earnestness in the work. One interesting fact connected with the history of the band is that it has already been the means of leading two of the members to embrace the Saviour whose gospel they are endeavoring to send to the heathen."

Salem, N. J.: "The ladies who are willing to write the papers on the different missions say that it pays them well, as they gather so much information in their search for what they need. We divide the subject in this way: the geography of the country; its manners and customs; the progress of missions; its connection with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and sometimes, if there is anything striking, its political aspect. . . . There must be a fresh consecration of our means to the Lord in order to bring out the needed money. If we could realize how much we lose personally by withholding, it would help us."

The ladies of the New Bethlehem Church, in Clarion Presbytery, have organized an auxiliary, and "they are worshipping in the basement of their church, not having the means to finish the upper part." We are sure that their work for their own church will be all the more successful from the fact that the mission work is made to keep pace with it.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

The Eighteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Union Missionary Society shows the receipt of $28,213 27 for 1878. This society has opened a mission in Cyprus, "where Mrs. Fluhart and Miss Dawson are brave enough to establish a school similar to the one so ably conducted in Athens, of which, last year, we recorded its peremptory dismissal by the Greek hierarchy. These missionaries have already met with a kind reception."

We are glad to be able to announce that Miss Whately is adding a Medical Mission to her already extensive work. The right time seems to have come, the present amount of sickness and poverty making an opening such as never was before, and a right person is found to conduct it—a skillful and pious Syrian doctor, engaged to one of her ex-teachers.—*Woman's Work, London.*

"*Happy are thy men, and happy are these thy servants*, which stand continually before thee and hear thy wisdom." It was not the splendor that surrounded Solomon's throne which made the deepest impression upon the Queen of Sheba, but the privilege connected with the position of the servant standing before him as a master—and *such* a master! "Happy are they," not because they enjoy all the luxuries of this court, and have all they can desire,

but because they "stand *before thee.*" The highest privilege is to be in the attitude of service, when the Master is a glorious king; and if Christians realized this, we should have more whole-hearted consecration—it would not be considered a hard thing to dedicate the entire life to Him and to His Church, but we should feel it to be a place of honor when allowed to stand at His command and call.—*Woman's Work, London.*

We are very glad to announce that the sum necessary to complete our pledge for the Oroomiah Seminary building has been made up, so that no more need be sent for this object. We recommend any societies which may still have this appropration of their money in view to correspond with Mrs. S. Kneass in a regard to a change of object.

Enough money has also been received for the present for the Day Home in Mexico.

CONCERNING COMPLAINTS.

From time to time we receive complaints, *after subscriptions have expired*, something like the following: "Mrs. A. has failed to receive several copies of *Woman's Work* during the year;" "Several of our ladies complain that they did not receive the magazine regularly." What copies? What ladies? We look over our books and compare the lists with those which were sent us the year before. They are all right and the addresses written clearly. We know that the utmost care has been exercised in sending out all the copies, and that those belonging to these persons must have been sent with the others. But what can we do? Now, when we ask in every number of both of our magazines that we may be notified *at once* of any mistake that may occur, and when it has always been our custom to forward a duplicate copy of either magazine as soon as we were told that the one sent had failed to reach its owner, thus doing all we can to correct our own mistakes and those of the post-office department too, we feel that it is hardly fair for our subscribers to postpone their complaints until the year is over, and then prefer them in such an indefinite manner as to place it beyond our power to rectify the errors.

NEW AUXILIARIES AND BANDS.

AUXILIARIES.

Washington City Presbyterial Soc
Barnegat, N. J., Monmouth Pres.
Plumville, Pa., Kittanning Pres.
Ramey, Pa., Beulah Ch., Huntingdon Pres.
Washington, D. C., Metropolitan Ch., Washington City Pres.

BANDS.

Central College, O., Willing Workers.
Princess Anne, Md., Irving.
Philadelphia, 1st Ch., Albert Barnes Memorial.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Angie, Miss Helen
Bennett, Mrs. Ellen V.
Brown, Mrs. Sarah M.
Caughey, John W.
Coe, Mrs. Sophia Stone
Coffey, Mrs. S. G.
Collins, Mrs. Charles
Conard, Mrs. Isaac
Davison, Eliza J.
Dickey, Mrs. J. R.
Dunlap, Mrs. Margaret
Edgar, Mrs. S. T.
Edgerton, Mrs. Julia
Elmer, Miss Maggie
Griffith, Mrs. Amos
Grover, Miss Annie
Haight, Miss M. B.
Henshelwood, Mrs. T. R.
Hummel, Mrs. George
Lewis, Miss Nellie
McKnight, Mrs. Elizabeth
Maugruder, Miss A. S.
Miller, Miss Clara Bell
Montgomery, Mrs. Carrie D.
Petty, Mrs. John
Shepherd, Mrs. T. J.
Silvers, Mrs. J. S.
Sloan, Mrs. B. S.
Smith, Miss Fannie
Stevenson, Mrs. John B.
Swift, Miss Mary H.
Van Fleet, Mrs. A. V.
Van Winkle, Miss Ada
Van Winkle, Mrs. I. S.
Wood, Mrs. Annie M.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, from March 1, 1879.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

ATHENS. — Logan Aux., for Mexico, $20; Middleport Aux., $6 85; Marietta, 4th St. Ch. Aux., $27 75, Band, $5 ($32 75), for Oroomiah bdg.; Carthage Aux., $5, . $64 60

BALTIMORE.—Baltimore, Aisquith St. Aux., for zenana work, Etawah, $100; Broadway Aux., $52 23; Brown Mem. Aux., for Miss'y, Lahore, $400, for Necktie Fund, $21 75, S. S., for 2 schools, Lahore, $177 50, Bible Class Bd., for 2 sch'ps, Sidon, $90, Graeme Harrison Bd., for sch'p, Dehra, $50, Mackenzie Bd., $26, Smith Bd., $25 ($51), for sch'p, Dehra ($759 39); Boundary Ave. S. S., for Miss'y, Lahore, $25; Central Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Lahore, $150, S. S., for sch., Lahore, $150 ($300); 1st Ch., 4 ladies, for Miss'y, Lahore, $80; 12th Ch. Aux. and Wylie and Maxwell Bds., for Miss'y, Lahore, $80; Westminster Aux. (of which $17 50, Necktie Fund), for zenana work, Allahabad, $111 62, Shining Helpers, for orphan, Futtehgurh, $30 ($141 62); Belair Aux., $15; Ellicott City Aux., for work, Chefoo, $44; Emmittsburg Aux., sch'p, Kolapoor, $11; Fallston Aux., for Miss'y, Lahore, $25; Govane Chapel (of which $10 50, Necktie Fund) $179 50; Hagerstown Aux., for Miss'y, Nez Perces, $18; Hampden Aux., $10; Piney Creek Aux., $31; Taneytown, for Necktie Fund, $17; Williamsport Aux., $25, 3 little girls, for Necktie Fund, $3 ($28), . $1947 60

BINGHAMTON.—Nineveh Aux., $38, Mrs. Julia Edgerton, for L. M., $25, . . . 63 00

BLAIRSVILLE.—Armagh Aux., for Miss'y, Hangchow, $4 13; Beulah Aux., for do., $54 50, Mrs. Dr. C., for Mexico, $50, Band, for Miss'y,

Nez Perces, $5 ($109 50); Congruity Aux., for Miss'y, Hangchow, $29 25, Necktie Fund, $6 ($35 25); Greensburg Aux., for Necktie Fund, $54, Foster Bd., sch'p, Ningpo, $40 ($94); Harrison City Aux., $10; Johnstown, Miss Sallie Duncan, $36; Murrysville, for B. R., Siam, $54, Necktie Fund, $50 ($104); New Alexandria Aux. (of which $30 for Miss'y, Hangchow), $45 47; New Salem Aux., sch'p, Ningpo, $40, Necktie Fund, $16 ($56); Verona Aux., $8, $502 35

CARLISLE. — Green Castle, Lilies of the Valley, for Beirut Sem., $5, Mrs. B. F. Winger, thank offering, $5 ($10); Harrisburg, Pine St. Ch. Aux., $71, Whatsoever Bd., $5, Willing Workers, $8, Anything for Jesus Bd., $5, Mrs. Martin's Bd., $6, Miss Early's, $5 ($100), "balances to make up the $30,000"; Mrs. Wierman's and Miss Clark's classes, $50, Dr. G. W. Stine's class, $50 ($100), for 2 sch'ps, Sidon; Whatsoever Bd., for sch., Beirut, $10 42, Brave and True Bd., for boy, Gaboon, $15 ($225 42); Lower Marsh Creek Aux., $24 07; Mechanicsburg Aux., for work, China, $37, for Necktie Fund, $8 ($45); Shippensburg, Y. L. Soc., for sch'p, Tungchow, $40, . 344 49

CHESTER.—Atglen Aux., $34; Avondale, for Woodstock, $62 50; Bryn Mawr, for nat. tea., Mynpurie, $60; Coatesville, for orphan, Futtehgurh, $38; Darby, for Oroomiah bdg., $40; Downington, for sch'p, Dehra, $35 32; Honeybrook, Mrs. Amos Griffith, for L. M., $25, A friend, $5 ($30), for Mexico; Oxford Aux., for Woodstock, $56; Upper Octorara, for Miss'y, India, $90, ... 445 82

CINCINNATI.—7th Ch., A friend for Mexico, $200; Mrs. Dawes, for Persia, *special*, $3, ... $203 00

CLARION. — Brookville Aux., for sch., Syria, $100; Clarion, Willing Workers, sch'p, Corisco, $30; Emlenton, $34 50; Pisgah Aux. (of which $40 for B. R., Chefoo), $60, ... 224 50

CLEVELAND.—Cleveland, Case Av. Aux., $41 50, Euclid St. Aux., $46, 2d Ch. Aux., $215 11 ($261 11), for Missionaries, Japan and India; Elyria, Mrs. De Witt, $5, . 307 61

COLUMBUS. — Central College Aux., for zenana visitor, $23 77, Necktie Fund, $2 10 ($25 87); Circleville, Young People's Asso. (of which $40, sch'p, Shanghai), $94; Columbus, Hoge Ch., for Miss'y, Syria, $13; Westminster Aux., for do., $17 45; Dublin Aux., for zenana vis., $15; Groveport Aux., $12 25; Lithopolis Aux., $12; London, Findley Bd., nat. tea., India, $25; Mifflin Aux., $23 50; Mt. Sterling Aux., for Miss'y, Syria, $12 50; Lower Liberty (Plain City) Aux., for zenana visitor, $23 50; Reynoldsburg Aux., for Miss'y, Syria, $7; Westerville, for Tullahassee Miss., $19 10; Worthington Aux., $11 62, . . 311 79

DAYTON.—Bath Aux., $19 62; College Corner, $9; Dayton, Union Aux., for Miss'y, Brazil, $276 83, sch'p, Sidon, $25 ($301 83); 1st Ch., Y. L. Bd., zenana work, India, $25; 3d St. Ch., Y. L. Bd., for sch., Hangchow, $37 50, for 2 L. M.'s, $50 ($87 50); Mem. Ch., for sch'p, Corisco, $25; Piqua Aux., $9; Seven Mile Aux., $15 42; Troy Aux., sch'p, Mexico, $30; Xenia Aux., $38 69, ... 561 06

ELIZABETH.—Elizabeth, L. F. M. Asso., Miss'y, Mexico, $600, 1st Ch., Mary Morrison Bd., sch., Ningpo, $75, 2d Ch., Miss. Bd., sch'p,

Kolapoor, $30, Westminster Miss. Bd., sch., Syria, $100, sch'p, Yokohama, $30 ($835); Elizabethport, Cheerful Givers, sch'p, Gaboon, $22; Metuchen Aux., sch'p, Mynpuric, $9; Perth Amboy, Mrs. A. S., $3 80, Miss M. B. H., $1 ($4 80); Plainfield Aux., Miss'y, Brazil, $121 74, Miss. Bd., sch'p, Beirut, $100 ($221 74); Rahway, 1st Aux., $77 49; Rahway, 2d Aux. (of which $40 for sch'p, Ningpo), $136 45; Summit, Cent'l Miss. Bd., sch'p, Dehra, $30; Westfield Aux., $60; Woodbridge Aux., sch., Allahabad, $60, $1456 48

Erie.—East Springfield Aux., $25; Erie, Park Ch. Aux., for teacher, Dakota, $200; Oil City, 1st Ch., Young People's Soc., for Mexico, $70; Pleasantville Aux., $19 25; Tidiouto Aux., $28 50; Warren, Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Wetmore, sch'p, Gaboon, $12 50, . 355 25

Genesee.—Castile Aux., for Oroomiah bdg., . . . 30 00

Geneva.—Romulus Aux., for zenana work, Allahabad, and 2 L. M.'s, . . . 50 00

Huntingdon.—Huntingdon, J. Randolph Simpson Bd., for sch'p, Gaboon, $20; Academia Aux. (Upper Tuscarora), $21 13, . . 41 13

Kittanning. — Bethel Aux., $42; Cherry Run, $7; Currie's Run, $23 15; Harmony, $25; Marion, $24; Jacksonville, $50; Plumville, $8 ($179 15), for Miss'y, Brazil; Freeport Aux., for Miss'y, Siam, $37 50; Jacksonville, S. S., for Beirut Sem., $50; Middle Creek, $15; Rayne, $25; West Lebanon Aux., add'l, $26, Charlie Ewing's Mite Box, 80 cents ($26 80); Worthington, for sch., Saharanpur, $25, . . . 358 45

Lackawanna.—Canton Aux., $29; Honesdale Aux., for sch'p, Beirut, $73 85; Miss Torrey's Bd., (of which $30 for sch'p, Benita), $45; Yakoot Barakat Bd., $20 ($138 85): Kingston Aux., $18; Plymouth Aux., sch., Syria, $50; Scranton, Dickson Miss. Sch., add'l, $2 74; Langcliff Aux., $9; Scranton, 1st Aux., for Miss'y, Allahabad, $150; 2d Ch., $86; Wilkesbarre, Mem. Ch. Aux., for sch., Mexico, $100, Whatsoever Bd., $20 ($120), $613 55

Lehigh. — Middle Smithfield Aux., $17 70; Tamaqua Aux., $22 23, . . . 39 93

Mahoning. — Alliance Aux., $70; Brookfield, $16; Clarkson, $15; Deerfield Aux., $26, S. S., $6 ($32); Ellsworth, $14 25; Mineral Ridge, $23; Newton Falls, $2 50; North Jackson, $29 25; Warren, $15; Youngstown, 1st Ch. Miss. Bd., $25; 2d Ch., $8 all for Bogota Miss., . . 250 00

Marion. — Marion, Luchnaphian Bd., sch'p, Corisco, . 11 00

Monmouth.—Allentown Aux., for San Paulo, $110; Barnegat Aux., $8 47, S. S., $2 53 ($11); Beverly Aux., $26 30; Hightstown, for B. R., Soochow, $36; Holmanville, for work, Chefoo, $18; Plattsburg, S. S., $4, . . 205 30

Morris and Orange.—Boonton Aux., $80; Dover Aux., $26 78; Mendham, for sch., Syria, $60; Morristown, 1st Aux., for Miss'y, Allahabad, $300; Orange Central Aux., for Miss'y, Laos, $238 72; Rockaway Aux., sch'p, Bangkok, $10 35, . 715 85

Nassau.—Huntington, 2d Ch. Aux., sch'p, Shanghai (in part), ... 13 50

New Brunswick. — Copper Hill Aux., for San Paulo, $32; Frenchtown Aux., $14; Flemington, Mrs. A. V. Van Fleet, for Miss'y, Brazil, and L. M., $25; Holland Aux., $30, Milford Aux., $70 ($100), for B. R., Hangchow; Princeton, 1st Ch. Aux., for zenana work,

$91 09; Trenton, 1st Ch., Golden Hour Circle, for sch'p, Yokohama, $25; 2d Ch. Aux., $17 55; 3d Ch. Aux., for nat. tea., Kolapoor, $100, S. S., for sch'p, Dehra, $50, Beatty Bd., for sch'p, Dehra, $60 ($210), . $514 64

NEWCASTLE. — Elkton Aux., $41 25; Manoken Aux., for sch'p, Futtehgurh, $30; Milford Aux., $29; Newark Aux., $52 82; Pokomoko City, Miss Dickinson's S. S. class, for Oroomiah Sem., $2 60; Smyrna Aux., $12; Zion Aux., $16, . . . 183 67

NEWTON.—Bloomsburg Aux., for sch., Saharanpur, $40; Delaware Aux., $5; Hackettstown Aux., sch., Saharanpur (in part), $25, Gleaners, for orphan, Saharanpur, $30 ($55); Knowlton Aux., $9, . . . 109 00

[NORTH RIVER.—Poughkeepsie Aux., for sch., Syria, and work Chefoo and Canton, China, $156 25, omitted by mistake in April No. of *Woman's Work*.]

NORTHUMBERLAND. — Bloomsburg Aux., $57 60, S. S., for nat. tea., Sidon, $50, Band of Hope, for San Paulo, $18 75 ($126 35); Danville, Mahoning Ch. Aux., $29 77, Rose Bud Bd., $6 83 ($36 60); Jersey Shore Aux., sch'p, Beirut, $50; Lewisburg Aux., $35, Bd. Soul Lovers, $6 69 ($41 69); Mifflinburg Aux., Oroomiah bdg., $15 35; Milton Aux., $70, Ruby Blessing Bd., $14 85 ($84 85); Williamsport, 1st Ch. S. S., $25; 2d Ch. Aux., for sch'p, Sidon, $53, for Chinese Home, $11, Loring Bd., for Beirut Sem., $30 ($94), ... 473 84

PHILADELPHIA.—Calvary Ch., Humphrey Bd., for sch., Syria, $100; 2d Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Persia, $200; 10th Ch., Mrs. Mary Bayard, $200, Ladies, $75 ($275) for Miss'y, Mexico; Old Pine St. Ch., Workers for Jesus, for 2 B. Rs., India, $25; Tabernacle Ch. Aux., $210 42; Woodland Aux., for Miss'y, Africa, $96 50, ... $906 92

PHILADELPHIA CENTRAL.—Alexander Ch. Aux., for Oroomiah bdg., $100, Necktie Fund, $2 25 ($102 25); Arch st. Aux., for zenana visitor, $75, for extra fund, $100, Mizpeh Bd., $30 ($205); Bethlehem Aux., $20; Central Ch. Aux., sch'p, Tungchow, $40 41; Cohocksink Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Saharanpur, $264 75, Necktie Fund, $14, S. S., for Oroomiah bdg., $50 ($328 75); Chandler Aux., $2 50; Green Hill Aux., for Oroomiah bdg., $76 50; Johnstone Aux., for Miss'y, Odanah, $115; McDowell Aux., for Miss'y, Chinese Home, Cal., $270; North Ch. Aux., $20, B. L. Agnew Bd., extra, for Oroomiah bdg., $50 ($70); North Broad St. Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Persia, $150, Necktie Fund, $50, A Mother, money left by deceased children, $1 74 ($201 74); Northminster Aux., $60; Oxford Aux., for Miss'y, Brazil, $200, Oroomiah bdg., $17 54, Necktie Fund, $14 75, S. S., sch'p, Dehra, $30 ($262 29); Princeton Ch., Y. L. Soc., $7 additional; Shepherd Aux., for L. M. and Mexico, $30, Mr. J. B. Stevenson, for L. M. $25 ($55); Temple Ch., $10, . 1826 44

PHILADELPHIA NORTH.—Chestnut Hill Aux., $115; Huntingdon Valley Aux., $5; Jeffersonville, Centennial Aux., for sch'p, Dehra, $50, Mrs. Francis Whiting, for extra fund and L. M., $25 ($75); Pottstown Aux., for sch'p, Mynpurie, $30, . 225 00

PITTSBURGH & ALLEGHENY CON.—Allegheny, Central Ch. Aux., $77; 1st Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Kolapoor, $100, Gen. Fund, $34 14, Necktie

Fund, $14 ($148 14); North Ch. Aux., $270, Hodge Bd., $147 55 ($417 55) for Miss'y Dehra; School St. Chapel, Woman's B. C., $4 75; Beaver Aux., for Miss'y, Kolapoor, $31 28; Bellefield Aux., of which $60 for B. R. Mynpurie, $192 18; Bethel Aux., $15, Mite Soc., $35 ($50); Cannonsburg Aux., $51; Chartiers Aux., $18; Emsworth Aux., of which $37 50 for Miss'y, Kolapoor, $42 59; Hilands Aux. $40, Hilands East End Aux., $47 ($87) for Petchaburi; Industry Aux., $20; Lawrenceville Aux., for Miss'y, Futtehgurh, $50, Necktie Fund, $43 29 ($93 29); Lectsdale Aux. (of which $6 85 Necktie Fund) $70 34, Juggernaut Bd., $13 ($83 34); Millvale Aux., $27, Bennett Circle, $5 ($32); Mt. Pisgah Aux., $26 71; Pine Creek Aux., $44 21; Pittsburgh, 1st Ch. Aux. (of which $450 for Miss'y, Mynpurie, $50 for outfit of Miss'y, and $17 for Necktie Fund), $580 54; Young Voyagers, for L. M., $25, Light Bearers, $25, Espey Bd., $25, Louisa Lowrie Bd., for sch'p, Tungchow, $30, Necktie Fund, $10, Miss Craig's Circle, $10, Miss McKibben's Circle, $5, Earnest Workers, $15, Hope Circle, $10, M. J. Murphy Circle, $2, S. S., $47 96, Two Friends, $20 ($805 50); 3d Ch., for Miss'y, Brazil, $252; 6th Ch., from members "toward deficiency," $2; Sewickley Aux., $51, Morning Glory Bd., $21 75 ($72 75), for Miss'y, Kolapoor; Sharon Aux., for Mexico, $20; Sharpsburg Aux. (of which $6 75 Necktie Fund), $47; Swissvale, $100; Tarentum, $28; Wilkinsburg Aux., for sch'p, Mexico, $81 58, . $2827 87

REDSTONE. — Brownsville Aux., for Sidon sch., $70; Connellsville Aux., for Miss'y, Persia, $13; Dunbar, Loring Bd., $30, Wilsie McDowell's mite box, $2 75 ($32 75), for Day Home, Mexico; Long Run Aux., for B. R., India, $50, Necktie Fund, $15, Star Bd., for Oroomiah bdg., $30 ($95); McKeesport Aux., for Miss'y, Persia, $44 73, Necktie Fund, $38 93 ($83 66); New Providence Aux., for zenana work, Futtehgurh, $40; Rehoboth Aux., for Miss'y, Persia, $27 40; Tyrone Aux., do., $17; Uniontown Aux., do., $30; Presbyterial Soc., do., $21, $429 81

ROCHESTER. — Geneseo, Central Ch. Aux., for Ayrault sch'p, Beirut, $50, Grains of Wheat, for Butler sch'p, Oroomiah, $15, S. S., for sch'p, Gaboon, $24 ($89); Livonia Aux., sch'p, Mexico, $50; Sparta, 2d Ch., Agnes Aitkin Bd., sch'p, Benita, $30; Tuscarora Aux., $13, Band, $1 ($14), for Mexico, . . . 199 30

ST. CLAIRSVILLE. — Beulah Aux., for Miss'y, Canton, $7; Birmingham Aux., do., $10; Cadiz Aux., for day school and 4 sch'ps, Canton, $180, Earnest Workers, for Miss'y, Canton, $48 ($228); Martinsville Aux., $15 43, Miss L. Gow, $3 90 ($19 33), for do., Lilies of the Valley, for sch'p, Kolapoor, $25 ($44 33); Mt. Pleasant, for Miss'y, Canton, $20 75; Nottingham Ch., Mrs. Belle Wallace's class, $1 60, . . . 311 68

ST. LAWRENCE.—Morristown Aux., $13 83, S. S. classes, $2 47 ($16 30); Ogdensburg, 1st Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Cal., $140, Morning Star Bd., schs., Futtehgurh, $35 ($175); Oxbow Aux., sch'p, Mynpurie, $30, . . . 221 30

SHENANGO. — Beaver Falls, Earnest Workers, for sch'p, Yokohama, $30, Day Home, Mexico, $47 93 ($77 93);

Clarksville Aux., sch., Lahore, $11; Hermon Aux., Miss'y, Canton, $29 25; Mahoning Aux., $51; Newport Aux., $12 20; Newcastle, 1st Aux., $72, S. S., $14 08 ($86 08), for Miss'y, Canton: Pulaski Aux., $41, Y. L. Bd., $5 ($46); West Middlesex Aux., for Miss'y, Canton, $26, Miss. Bd., $23 ($49), ... $362 46

Steuben.—Prattsburg Aux., 50 00

Steubenville.—Steubenville 2d Ch. Aux., . . . 100 00

Syracuse. — Oswego, Grace Ch. Aux., for orphan, Sidon, $50; Syracuse, 4th Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Japan, $195 78, ... 245 78

Union.—New Market Aux., . 10 00

Utica.—Lowville, Ladies for Necktie Fund, $5; Rome, Seed Sowers, for China, $1 73, Japan, $1 47 ($3 20), 8 20

Washington.—Pigeon Creek Aux., ... 36 00

Washington City.—1st Ch. Aux., for sch'p, Dehra, $60; New York Ave. Ch. S. S., for sch., Canton, $100, . 160 00

West Jersey. — Bridgeton Aux., for Miss'y, Woodstock, $380; Camden, 2d Ch. Aux., $60, Baker Bd., $26 ($86); Cape May Aux., $25; Cedarville Aux., $12 15; Clayton Aux., $16; Glassboro' Aux., $46 50; Salem Aux., $80, . . 645 65

Westminster.—Hopewell Aux., $27; Slateville Aux. (of which $40 for Normal sch., Mynpurie), $60, Miss. Bd., $21 ($81), . . . 108 00

Wooster. — Bellville Aux., $10; Wayne Aux., $17; Wooster, Westminster Aux. (of which $30 for sch'p, Canton), $50 25, . . 77 25

Zanesville.—Utica Aux., for sch'p, Ningpo $20, Necktie Fund, $8 45, Y. L. Soc., sch'p, Ningpo, $20, Necktie Fund, $30, Children's Bd., sch'p, Ningpo, $5 50, . $83 95

Miscellaneous. — Andover, Ill., Our S. S. Class, $2 25; Baltimore, Miss A. W. Moore, $2, Mrs. C. E. Waters, for Lidie Waters' sch'p, Kolapoor, $30; Birmingham, Pa., Mt. Sem., for Oroomiah bdg., $100; Buffalo X Roads, Pa., D. C. B., for do., $2; Easton, Pa., Miss M. L. Boileau, $4; Elder's Ridge, Pa., Legacy, Mrs. M. S. Donaldson, $600; Hollidaysburgh, Pa., Bessie P. Hemphill, thank offering, $5; Judson, Ind., Mrs. S. S. Buchanan, for Mexico, $1; Malone, N. Y., Mrs. M. K. Wead, $50; Moline, Ill., Pansy Bd., $8 46; New Albany, Ind., 2d Ch. primary class, for orphan, India, $5; Philadelphia, Centennial Bd. for Mexico, $25, D. W., for Mexico, $10, Miss V. Laws, $1 50; Syracuse, N. Y., Two Sisters, $2; Washington, D. C., Miss M. E. Goodwin, for work Nez Perces, $50; Wassaic, N. Y., Pearl Gatherers, for sch., Petchaburi, $3 11; Wooster, O., Mrs. F. S. Speer, $20; Yankton Ag., Dak., Mrs. J. P. Williamson, $10 ($931 32); For Necktie Fund: Bridgeport, O., Subscriber to W. W., $2: Cadiz, O., Miss L. T. McFadden, $1; Johnstown, Pa., Mrs. S. D. M., $2; Mineral Ridge, O., Miss M. A. Tibbitts, 40 cts.; Philadelphia, E., $2, Mrs. H. N. Paul, $5 ($12 40); Leaflets, Hymn Books and Maps, $27 50, . . . 971 22

Total for March, . . 20,237 94

Previously acknowledged, . 37,136 97

Total from May 1, 1878, . 57,374 91

The money sent by K., Tenafly, N. J., has been forwarded as requested.

The Aux., Plainfield, N. J., has sent a box valued at $25, and the Aux., Allentown, N. J., materials for fancy work, to school, San Paulo.

Mrs. Julia M. Fishburn, *Treasurer*,
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SIAM.

Miss Cort.

Petchaburi, December 23, 1878.

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." It is not often that we can exercise the Christian grace of hospitality, our homes lie so far in the East, and at such an isolated station. But sometimes God does send us visitors, and then how glad we are to open wide our doors and our hearts, and take them in with a frank and loving welcome! In November your two dear children, Edna Cole and Mary Campbell, came to see us. They were with us over three weeks, so that we learned to know them well and love them very much; they were both well, and in the best of spirits. They have already written you of their pleasant voyage and their safe arrival; how they crossed the sea in a "Gospel Ship," which had on board no less than thirty-two missionaries; of their visit to Yokohama, Tokio, and Canton, and of their meeting with the workers at all these stations. But they cannot tell you how much we enjoyed their visit to Petchaburi, nor how much we thank you and the Northwestern Board for sending them out, and all the dear friends who in any way helped prepare them for the Master's service.

If you could only know how much joy the arrival of new missionaries gives to those already on the field, you would try to repeat the blessing every year. Their visit has done us a great deal of good. Their bright young faces, their earnestness and zeal, the very thought that they in the morning of their life, in the very freshness of their womanhood, have consecrated themselves to the Master's service among the Laos, sheds a new glory over the work we are trying to do for the same loving Master. Miss Caldwell, at

Bangkok, whom I have not yet seen, is, I am told, not a whit behind these two in youth and accomplishments, consecration and zeal. It comforts us in the midst of our labor to know that God is preparing His children at home to take up this work, and that He is filling their young hearts with love to Him, and making them willing to cross the sea and live for His honor and glory among the heathen. We see in it the fulfilling of prophecy. God promised to pour out His Spirit on sons and daughters, and that His handmaidens should prophesy. And shall not all the ends of the earth know of the salvation of our God? The blessedness of it is that many shall accept of that salvation so freely offered, and shall with us enter in through the gates into the city. I trust that some young ladies from each one of the graduating classes that shall bid adieu to college halls in this year of 1879 will follow the noble example set them by these three young missionaries. May not the dear Lord have one-tenth of all the young men and maidens in His church in America? Will not the Christian fathers and mothers consent to be thus honored in having their children chosen for this glorious work?

We are living in our new "home" now; we moved into it in November, just the week before our visitors came from Bangkok. We find it very pleasant and comfortable; one day Miss Coffman and I came in from our schools warm and tired, and found suspended in one of the rooms these beautiful words, "Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy gates." We left the ladies in possession of our house during our absence at school, and this was their work; by the arrangement of the words they had a double significance, for the ends of the thread which held up the letters were fastened to the side walls, while the centre of the thread was carried back to the rear of the room and attached to a nail directly above an oil portrait of the King of Siam; the words were intended for us and our beautiful "Petchaburi Home," but we hope that their benediction and grace may also rest upon the young King and his kingdom. His generous aid helped build these walls for us, and we thank him and all the dear unknown friends in the United States whose loving gifts have prepared us such a home in this far-off land.

I expect the ladies who are going to Chieng-Mai will need a "home," too, and I trust it will be provided soon; and they will need a schoolhouse and very many things ere they can carry on their work as it should be done. I have no doubt that they will be good missionaries, and that they will acquire the language readily; their youth will be a great advantage in this respect. I hope their coming will have a good effect upon all the young people in the bounds of your Board, and that these same young people

will write them letters and cheer and help them by every means in their power; thus all can be "workers together," and share in the reward. I wish you a happy new year, and that all its days may be full of blessing for you and your Board!

JAPAN.

Miss Eldred.

No. 42 Tengiji, Tokio, January 25, 1879.

[Miss Corelyn E. Eldred went out to Japan from Ohio, where she had been in school, in the fall of 1877, and is the beloved missionary of the 2d Church, Indianapolis.]

Our school this term is going on as usual, but with a few less scholars than last term, for several are detained at home either by the sickness of themselves or their friends. The daily average attendance of the school last term was forty-five; I fear it will not be quite so large this term. O Chiye San, the one of our girls who has been assisting the translation teacher, left us at the end of last term; this caused us some trouble before we could arrange for her classes to be taught by some one else. She was a good, earnest Christian girl—one of our oldest Ginza pupils—and we miss her very much in more than one place. In spite of her entreaties her father compelled her to marry a heathen. Her husband is some kind of a government officer, I believe, and may be as good as the generality of the Japanese, but he certainly is not very prepossessing in manner or appearance, besides being much older than O Chiye San. The poor girl was nearly heart-broken. I think I never was so sorry for any one in trouble as I was for her. She lives in Tokio, and we called to see her last week. We found her in a nice home, but very lonely and homesick, and for some reason or other is not allowed to go out at all. I know the customs of Japan require a woman, when once married, to stay at home; it is even considered disreputable to be seen on the street too often; still, I fear that is not all the reason that keeps her there. It looks more as if her husband was using his authority for some purpose of his own.

Another of our Ginza girls was married two weeks ago, but she married a Christian, a member of the Ginza church, and I think will have a happy home. She is only fourteen years old, and wished very much to come to school for a few years, but her father decided differently, so she was obliged to obey.

Our Christmas exercises this year consisted of Japanese and English recitations and singing, a short Japanese address, and then we had a tree. The exercises passed off as pleasantly as could have

been wished, and at the close "we teachers" found ourselves in possession of various presents, nice, curious, and otherwise. The next evening the Ginza Sunday-school had a tree and some accompanying exercises, which Mrs. True had been instrumental in preparing for them to learn. If —— has not passed the age of caring for little girls' playthings, I wish she could see the Japanese doll which came to me from this tree; it is nicely dressed, and is a perfect representation of a little Japanese girl.

PERSIA.

Miss Poage.

Tabriz, January 7, 1879.

[Our Miss Annie E. Poage went to Persia in 1875; first to Oroomiah, afterwards transferred to Tabriz. She is a graduate from St. Charles, Mo., and is under the care of the 2d Church, Chicago.]

The house we have been living in could not accommodate three families and three young ladies, so Mr. and Mrs. Ward, Miss Jewett, and I have moved out. We wished to get moved before the bad weather commenced, so we came over before our rooms were ready, which made us a great deal of extra trouble. We managed to get settled, however, by Christmas. Then I had to take time to be sick a while with the varioloid; I am just getting well again. We are in a new neighborhood. It is more private than the other house, hence the women will not be so much afraid to come to us, and we are hoping to gather in quite a number to our semi-weekly meetings.

Our meeting last Sabbath afternoon was a precious one. There were only three present besides Miss Jewett and myself, but we felt that the Holy Spirit was with us. Miss Jewett first read the third chapter of John, then talked of the new birth; as she talked the tears commenced rolling down the face of one of the women. She was soon sobbing aloud and saying, "I am a sinner." Miss Jewett talked with her a while, and then thought to close the meeting, and sang a hymn; no one moved to go, so again there was talking and prayer and singing. Again, as no one stirred, there was talking, etc., until it grew late. It was so sweet to know and feel our Saviour so near that we could not bear to separate. On Monday morning this woman again came. She felt a new love for the Saviour, and talked as if she had been born again. May she be a true follower, and may many this year follow in her footsteps!

At our last communion one man was received into the church, and there are six who have come before the session asking admit-

tanee, who are now on trial, five Mussulmans and one Armenian woman. The woman is one with whom Miss Jewett has been laboring nearly three years. She has taught her to read, and has talked and read to her of Christ. She has been a Christian for over a year, but has been afraid to confess Christ before men. She has now come out boldly, fearing nothing.

We are praying that this year many souls may be born anew. There are many, both Mussulmans and Armenians, who have heard the Word and know their duty, but are kept back by fear. It is now Moharram; last Saturday was the worst day, the bloody day. Murza has just been telling me that there are more this year than ever who have cut and beaten themselves. Surely we have a great work before us. When will the time come when the inhabitants of this city and land will serve the Lord in spirit and in truth? We are not visiting among the Mussulmans during the Moharram, but we hope to commence again very soon. This is the week for prayer. We are having preaching every afternoon in Turkish, and the meetings are very well attended; the helpers, especially the Armenian, are very much in earnest. Oh that we might have a revival this winter—this month! The health of Miss Jewett and Mrs. Van Hook is very good. I am very well now, but weak as yet from my recent illness.

You remember the Murza Ali I wrote of last spring. A few days ago he brought his little girl, aged ten or eleven, to see us. She is bright and pretty; we took quite a fancy to her. We are going to teach her to read, or rather we have a promise from her father that he will teach her, and bring her to us frequently that we may see what progress she is making. Her little cousin about her age, another nice little girl, is being taught in the same way by her uncle. If we can get these little girls to reading nicely it will be a great help.

This morning we went out for a short ride; going, we met a party of pilgrims coming home, and returning, we met a party carrying ten coffins, containing the bones of certain ones, to Mecca or some other holy place. On New Year's day we received sixty-four calls, and the day after twelve women called. Moharram prevented the Mussulman women; they will come next week.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

Miss Dean, Oroomiah, Persia, writes: "This is the week of prayer, and we are very earnestly praying for a blessing. Many of the girls seem very tender, and we are feeling that we are being blessed, though not as mightily as we are longing for. In some of the villages there is much religious interest and several conversions."

Miss Cochran, from Houston, Texas, February 22, en route for Monterey: "Our journey has been most delightful so far, and now that we are in the summer land the rest of the way looks doubly pleasant. Think of it, peach and cherry trees in bloom here, roses, daisies, hyacinths, blue violets in profusion, and only on Monday I crossed the river on the ice!"

Mrs. McCauley, formerly Miss Kooser, Bangkok, Siam: "I have housekeeping in addition to teaching, without the encouragement and help I had in knowing that each pupil was prayed for by a society or band of workers at home; this is more to us than you seem to understand at home."

Miss Downing, Chefoo, China, says that "Jennie Anderson," whom all who were at Cedar Rapids will remember, "is keeping well and happy, and Mary says is getting on in the language better than any foreigner she has ever known." "Mary" is an assistant, a Chinese girl, but one who has been in this country, came as a nurse, and so understands English well.

Home.

SIAM AND THE LAOS.

UNTIL within a few months, Siam has had no missionary directly from the Board of the Northwest; but when Rev. Dr. Wilson returned to that country late last autumn, he was accompanied by three ladies from the Woman's Boards of this country, two of whom, Misses Cole and Campbell, were sent out by the Board of the Northwest. They were recent graduates from Oxford Seminary, Ohio, under the care of Miss Peabody, choice spirits, chosen ones, peculiarly called to the work. Since their departure, Miss Cole has been transferred to the cherishing care of the 2d Church, St. Louis. Miss Caldwell went out under the care of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Philadelphia. The vessel on which they sailed from San Francisco might well be called a missionary ship, as it bore a precious freight of *thirty-two* missionaries across the Pacific to their several destinations in heathen lands. What high converse there must have been in that solitary ship on the wide sea!

After this long voyage our travellers had still to go up the Meinam River, a two months' voyage in row boats, to reach the Laos. So young, and gone to be so buried from the world! Yes, but their lives are "*hid with Christ in God.*" And God has gone before them and opened a way for them. They had not reached the shores of Siam, when the Christian world was rejoicing in the good news of *religious liberty* proclaimed to his people by its King! So, joyfully and gratefully, after a little rest at Bangkok, where they saw the King review his river barges with much pomp and magnificence, and were the recipients of polite attentions from high officials, they started on the long and tedious river journey, which we trust is safely ended ere the date at which we write.

While waiting for their boat, they taught, by invitation, in the Royal College at Bangkok. S. H. P.

NOTES FROM ROOM 48.

Feb. 21.—The third Friday—regular monthly prayer meeting. How gratifying that with the dear familiar faces there should have been so goodly a number whom we had not seen at "48" before. Truly the Lord has heard the voice of our supplication, and the women of the churches are awakening not only to duty, but to privilege. Mrs. Hoge opened the exercise by reading Isa. xlix., making brief comments on the words of propheey which seem now to have their fulfillment, dwelling especially on the recent triumphs of the gospel in the ancient land of Sinim, the subject for the month. An entire village in northern China had come together in October last, to publicly renounce idolatry, and bury their three-score gods. After the funeral services, which lasted from dark till midnight, the temple was deeded to the missionaries for a "meeting house." In connection with the 23d verse, the grand proclamation of the King of Siam, which was read at the previous meeting, was spoken of. In the preferment shown our missionaries, and the great step forward in educational matters, it was thought we might already see a "nursing father" in this young King. Of the late barbarities of the wicked King of Burmah it was most pertinently said, "Behold the fruits of 'orthodox Buddhism!'" Should not all Christians hasten to supplant such a system with the glorious gospel of the loving Saviour?

Dear Mrs. Rhea then led us in a most earnest petition for a

blessing on the several missions of China, remembering them by name; on the press, that it might be thoroughly sanctified, and be an ever-increasing power for good; on the beloved men and women who had gone from sweet homes in America, to illumine homes in China with the light of God's truth; on the native workers, that they might be strong in the Lord, and in the "power of His might;" on the schools and seminaries, and all other agencies that had for their end the diffusion of religious knowledge. After singing, a letter was read from Mrs. Mateer of China, who is now in our own state. She regretted not being able for the present to be with us. Other statements were made concerning the progress of the work; the converts now numbering over 14,000, and this in a period of less than forty years.

After a thank-offering, Mrs. Rhea was called upon to occupy the remainder of the time in telling us about her recent trip to Indiana. The Sabbath was passed at Warsaw. Monday a delightful meeting was held, the results of which will doubtless appear in good time. The Lord we may believe will "help those women." At Fort Wayne, "the foreign missionary woman" found herself alone at the depot. Rebellious human nature said, "Go back, you are not needed!" Hesitatingly, she took her seat in the waiting omnibus, replying to the driver's whither? "I do not know." A name on a postal helped them on, and after a short drive the doors of a lovely home opened at a touch. Mistakes were explained and deplored, the "naughty spirit" exorcised, and this servant of the Lord went to her beautiful room humbled and tearful, to thank God for His loving kindness and tender mercy. Never will she forget dear Mrs. W., who took her in loving arms, with so many regrets that she was too late. She had been celebrating the morning of her seventy-first birthday by driving to the different depots, that no one of the expected guests might fail of the welcome. Two meetings were held, both full of interest. The large old church was two-thirds filled. Women opened their lips in prayer or remark for the first time in presence of others, avowing a new interest in the great subject. A minister who was there confessed that he had not done his duty in this matter, asking that he might be remembered in prayer, as he should go forth to lead his people in new paths. A brief prayer from one of the secretaries, invoking a rich blessing on all present, that they might carry to their homes the precious influence of that hour, closed the exercises. The usual Executive Meeting was then held, to complete arrangements for the Annual Meeting.

Feb. 28.—The last meeting of the winter. Many present. Most of the hour given to the Foreign Secretaries. A number of most interesting letters read, bringing the cheering news from many fields, that the cause of truth and righteousness "was taking

deeper and firmer hold." A well-filled postal card, all the way from Persia, was of especial interest. The preciousness of the week of prayer was alluded to in it. One of the Home Secretaries reported a communication from Miss Rankin, who, with greatly improved health, desired to make a thank-offering by giving her services to the churches, believing she would be able to speak four or five times a week. After adjournment the Bureau of Intelligence held a lengthy session. They are making excellent progress in their various departments.

March 7.—Isa. lxii. read. A number of strangers present. Treasurer's report an encouraging one. Several new societies reported. A most wonderful letter from a converted heathen woman read, which we have published entire in the *Interior*. With such blessed fruits what may we not expect as the seed sown continues to ripen? Mrs. Doolittle, from Toledo, told us in a few pointed words of the progress of the work in that section, how in almost every instance where the ear could be made to hear, and some knowledge given of the work of foreign missions, the women of the churches were aroused, wondering often why that "go ye" had never penetrated their hearts before. The invitation to the Annual Meeting from the Synod of Toledo was cordially repeated.

March 14.—The second Friday of the month. Presbyterial meeting. Reading and prayer by the President, Mrs. Blair. Secretary's report read and accepted. Reports called for from the "twos" who had been out to organize societies. Three places had been visited, and the fire kindled in four churches, each reporting a full corps of officers, and rejoicing that they had been awakened to this new service. May we not believe that before the end of the year every church in the Presbytery will be on our roll? Precisely at 11 o'clock the chair was vacated and Mrs. Hoge was in her place. Much of even more than usual interest filled the hour. Two more dear girls offered themselves to be sent "where they were most needed." May the precious Saviour direct them in all their ways! Fresh words of inspiration came from Miss Peabody. The beautiful phantom motto, Ps. lxxii. 8, on an invisible thread, which ornamented our room, was the work of one of her girls, just received in time to be put in place before the meeting. Several strangers were present, one from Kilbourne City, Wis., who has two sisters in India under the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Philadelphia, Mrs. Hull and Miss M'Ginnis, and also Mrs. Bartholomew of Valparaiso, to whose cheering words all were glad to listen. A well-filled postal card told us that dear Mrs. Rhea was vigorously at work in the Southern Synod of Illinois. At that date she had already held fourteen meetings. God bless and comfort her in all her labor of love!

A. M. G.

SINCE the beginning of modern missions the Bible has been translated into 212 languages, spoken by 850,000,000 human beings, and distributed at the rate of nearly twelve every minute. All this has been done by missionaries. Thirty-nine of the languages referred to never had a written form until the missionaries created it.—*Baptist Missionary Magazine.*

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Arlington Heights, Ill.
Austin, Ill.
Beatrice, Neb.
Beaver City, Neb., Bushnell Band.
Braidwood, Ill.
Denver, Colo., 17th St. Ch.
Fremont, Neb.
Gilman, Ill.
Hicksville, Ohio.
Jefferson, Iowa, Mizpeh Band.
Kasota, Minn.
Lonetree Lake, Minn., Eden Ch.
Mineral Point, Kan.
North Platte, Neb.
Paulding, Ohio.
Plattsmouth, Neb.
Schuyler, Neb., Little Sunbeams.
Taylorville, Ill.
Tracy, Minn.
Vermont, Ill.
West Liberty, Ohio.
Western, Ohio.
Wilmington, Ill.
Yorkville, Ill., Au Sable Grove.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. L. C. Bryant,
Mrs. S. H. H. Clark,
Mrs. Harry A. Conant,
"Elizabeth," Bible Reader, Allahabad, India,
Mrs. C. R. French,
Mrs. O. P. Hammond,
Rev. D. B. Hervey,
Mrs. J. S. Hewett,
Mrs. D. A. Knowlton,
Mrs. Jeanette Lee,
Mrs. S. E. Norton,
Mrs. G. A. Rockwell,
Mrs. Abbie Torrance,
Rev. Thomas C. Winn, Yokohama, Japan,
Mrs. Thomas C. Winn, Yokohama, Japan.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions for the Northwest, to March 20, 1879.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

ALTON. — Carlinville, Mrs. Johnston's outfit, $18 50; Plainview, $4 40; Sparta, $70 05 ($10 05 for *Children's Work*), . . . $92 95

BELLEFONTAINE. — Bellefontaine W. M. S., $40, Miss. Bd., $25 ($65); Buck Creek, $25; Bucyrus, $35; Crestline, $20; Forest, $6 73; Galion, $19; Kenton, $30; Upper Sandusky, $21 10 ($9·25, Extra Fund); Urbana, $17 45, . . . 239 28

BLOOMINGTON. — Tolono, $10; Onarga W. M. S., $34 70, Pierson Bd., $5 80 ($40 50); Champaign, sch. in Brazil, $46 20, . . $96 70

CAIRO. — Cairo, Mrs. Johnston's outfit, $46 06; Carmi, same, $16; Shawneetown, same, $26, Gen. Fund, $12 ($38), ... 100 06

CEDAR RAPIDS. — Cedar Rapids, 1st, sal. Miss Jewett, $50, 2d, sup. gate keeper, Tabriz, $9 ($59); Big Grove, $25 25, . . . 84 25

CHICAGO.—Chicago, 2d Ch., $245 85, Mrs. K. H. M., $2 ($247 85); 3d, sal. Mrs.

Kelso, $225; 4th, $133 13, Mite Soc., $3 95, *special* for Miss Cole, $21, Y. L. Soc., same, $6 50, Miss Anderson, same, $6 50 ($37 95); 5th, sal. Miss Amy Campbell, $46, Miss. Bd., Persian schs., $32 43, for Burnt Brick, $2 60 ($81 03); Fullerton Av., Y. Ladies, for Miss Cochran, $40, A friend, for Mt. sch., Persia, $5 ($45); Evanston, salary Miss Bacon, $89 13; Lake Forest, Steady Streams, $3 50; Peotone, $17 25; Riverside, $9 45, Girls' Miss. Bd., $11 19 ($20 64); Waukegan, $11 50, Y. L. Bd., $45 05 ($56 55), $957 04

CHIPPEWA. — Galesville, $2; Hixton Ch., $13; La Crosse, 1st, $32 78, North Ch., $6 ($38 78); Neillsville, $15; Neshannuc Ch., $21 25, . 90 03

COLORADO.—Denver, 17th St. Ch., $24; Central Ch., $78 ($41 75 in ans. to appeal), 102 00

CRAWFORDSVILLE. — Dayton W. M. S., $20; A friend, $10, ... 30 00

DES MOINES.—Adel, $30; Indianola, $14, ... 44 00

DETROIT.—Detroit, Jeff. Av., Bee Hive Bd., pupil with Miss Everett, Syria, $60; Union Ch., Persia, $11 44; Fort St., sal. Mrs. Lucas, $159 48; 1st Ch., Richardson Bd., sch'p, Ningpo, *gold*, $40, Mexico, $24 ($64); Birmingham, $11; Ypsilanti, $89, Y. L., $100, both sal. Miss Dean, Little Gleaners, sch'p, Oroomiah, $30 ($219); Pontiac, Young Folks Bd., sch'p, Bangkok, $7 50; Milford, $17; Sunbeams, $8; Wing Lake, $9 67, Busy Bees, sch'p, Oroomiah, $2 33 ($12); Southfield, sch'p, Oroomiah, $30, Busy Bees, $7 ($37), . 606 42

DUBUQUE.—Independence, sal. Miss Pratt, $75; Lansing, sal. Miss Jewett, $14 40, for Miss Cochran, $5 ($19 40), ... 94 40

EMPORIA.—Arkansas City, . 10 00

FORT DODGE. — Fort Dodge, sch'p at Oroomiah, $15, Burnt Brick, $10, Miss Cochran, $3, Rept., $1, . $29 00

FORT WAYNE.—Fort Wayne, sal. Mrs. Farnham, $10, by Mrs. R., $30 ($40); Warsaw, by same, $5; Elkhart, for Mexico, $15 15, . . 60 15

FREEPORT.—Freeport, 1st, for Miss Jewett, $25, 2d, $60, Elliott Bd., $20 85, both for Miss Cochran, Junior Bd. of 3d Ch., sch'p, Oroomiah, $28, Union Soc., for Miss Jewett, $25, special fund, $5 53 ($164 38); Rockford, 1st, $50; Westminster, $61 22, Y. L. Soc., $16 13 ($77 35); Willow Creek Ch., $41, . . . 332 73

HURON. — Fostoria, sal. Mrs. Robertson, $40, Y. L. Soc., $16 ($56); Sandusky, $20, 76 00

INDIANAPOLIS.—Franklin, sal. Mrs. Warren, $94 54; Hopewell, $11 75, for H. M., $13 50, Little Workers' Bd., $7 50 ($32 75); Indianapolis, 1st, sal. Mrs. Van Hook, $300, Children's Bd., $90 18, Necktie Fund, $3, Y. L. Soc., $45, 3d, $60 25, 4th, $21, 6th, $5, 10th, $13 70, 11th, $3 ($541 13), 668 42

IOWA.—Highland Aux., sup. B. R., $25; New London, $4; Kossuth, Miss C.'s outfit, $27 10, Bible class, Burnt Brick, $1 10 ($28 20); Mt. Pleasant, bal. on subscriptions, 20 cents, . . . 57 40

IOWA CITY.—Davenport, College Av., Miss Cochran, $6, "Necktie Fund," $2 ($8); Muscatine, $10, . . . 18 00

KALAMAZOO. — Allegan, $7; Paw Paw, Miss. Cir., $15; Richland, E. B., $5, . . 27 00

KEARNEY. — Beaver City, Bushnell Bd., $1 60; Grand Island, a mite from Little Grace, 40 cents; Hastings, $4 75, ... 6 75

LAKE SUPERIOR.—Ford River, ed. child in China, . . 34 50

LANSING. — Eckford, Miss L., $1, Mrs. W., 40 cts. ($1 40); Lansing, sch., Canton, $25;

N. Lansing, Coral Bd., sch'p, Gaboon, $5 50; Mason, $25, ... $56 90

Logansport.—Valparaiso, sal. Mrs. Warren, $25, B. R., Gwalior, $7 50, Mrs. W.'s sch., $1, sal. Miss Wheeler, $40 ($73 50); Michigan City, sal. Mrs. Warren, $28, for Ch., *special*, $8 95, Girls' Home, Alaska, $5 50 ($42 45); Monticello, same, $20; Goodland, $11 22, Faith and Hope Bd., $3 50 ($14 72); Rolling Prairie, $4; Logansport, Broadway Ch., pupil, Canton, $23; Plymouth, $36 76, for H. M., $16 76 ($53 52), . . 231 19

Mankato.—Blue Earth City, $8; Mankato, $45; South Bend, $2 50; Tracy, $3; Eden Ch., $2 50; Wells, $2 50; St. Peter, $9 49; Kasota, $1 85, . . . 74 84

Mattoon.—Ncoga, Mrs. Johnston's outfit, $10; Kansas, for the Indians, $1, . . 11 00

Maumee.—Defiance, for Laos Miss., $44; Toledo, Westminster Ch., sup., Mariam, tea., Tabriz, $15, . . 59 00

Milwaukee. — Milwaukee, Calvary Ch., sch., Syria, $25, Immanuel Ch., sch., Futtehgurh, $95 ($120); Somers, $28 35, S. S., $4 29 ($32 64), . . . 152 64

Monroe.—Monroe, sal. Miss Ketchum, $35 25, for Mexico, $23 ($58 25); Tecumseh, sal. Miss Ketchum, $8, 66 25

Muncie.—Anderson, $14 53; Muncie, sal. Mrs. Warren, $5; Wabash, Y. L. Soc., $10 05, Little Gleaners, $5 80 ($15 85), . . . 35 38

New Albany. — Hanover, Mrs. J. Lee, $25; Vernon, for Mexico, $30, . . 55 00

Omaha.—Omaha, sch'p, Tokio, $50, by Mrs. N., $50, Special contribution, $18, also, $91 45, Western Lights, $23 60, Special, $7 65, Little Drops of Water, $11, Industrial School, for Miss Downing, $18 ($269 70): Papillion, $4; Schuyler, $4 50; Little Sunbeams, $2 45; Silver Ridge, $4; Tekama, $4, . . . $288 65

Peoria. — Vermont, $2; Princeville, sup. B. R., Allahahad, $50, Winn Bd., sal. Mrs. Winn, $25 ($75). . 77 00

Rock River. — Aledo, $10; Dixon, $5 71; Fulton, $5, Newton Ch., H. M., $26; North Henderson, H. M., $5 40, F. M., $5 40 ($10 80); Sterling, sch'p, Dehra, $46 50, ... 104 01

Saginaw.—Bay City, Wight Miss. Bd., sch'p, Oroomiah, 30 00

St. Paul.—Minneapolis, for Mrs. Lucas, $10, Mrs. M., S. S. class, sch., Chefoo, $2 10, ... 12 10

Schuyler.—Carthage, . . 17 45

Topeka. — Lawrence, sch., Ambala, ... 16 30

Vincennes.—Evansville, Mrs. C. T. A., $1; Princeton, $15 60; Terre Haute, 1st, $1, 2d, $1 ($2), for Burnt Brick, . . . 18 60

Winnebago.—Fond du Lac, for Miss Coehran, $45, Benita Bd., sch'p, Gaboon, $32 25 ($77 25); Neenah, A mite for the debt, $8 50, 85 75

Winona. — Chatfield, $9 75; Rochester, $34, Downing Bd., sch'p, Chefoo, $40 ($74); Wykoff, Mrs. Holt's sch., Shanghai, $9, . . 92 75

Wisconsin River. — Oregon, $8, S. S., $1 46 ($9 46); Portage, $14, . . . 23 46

Zanesville.—Granville, sup. Granville sch., Futtehgurh, 25 00

Miscellaneous.—York, Neb., hal. on suh., 20 cents; Rural, Wis., Mrs. J. Winn, $5, Miss Baker, $5 ($10); Liberty, O., S. S., for Burnt Brick, $5 20; Hopkins, Mo., Mrs. Gilehrist, $2 40, 17 80

Total for the month, . . 5,408 15
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Chicago, Ill., *March* 20, 1879.

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